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on advancement.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have noted the questions and if I could kind of summarize some of them, there are questions about whether or not the procedures for letting the bids and some of the protections with regard to advertising and so forth would be in place following the enactment of LB 491. I can assure you that that definitely is the intent. If there needs to be any cross-referencing or...or modification to require that, we'll make that change before we get back here to Select File. I think the idea is...is simply not to change the oversight of the department, not to change the fact that they will...will hang on to the money until it's paid to the contractor after he's done the work. It's not to change any of that but simply to allow the city or county to let the contract, because it can be done sometimes more effectively or efficiently by that local political subdivision when it is a local project. But, still, they are state dollars, federal dollars. We have to have the oversight and so forth. It is totally a matter of discretion between the department and a local city or county as to whether they follow this procedure, but I think good questions have been asked. We'll work on those and I would...I would ask the body to give us an opportunity to do that. If we can't satisfy those questions by Select File then certainly it's a bill that should be studied further. So, with that, I'll ask you to advance it to Select File. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 491. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill advances. We next move to LB 21. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 21, it's a bill offered by Senator Suttle. (Read title.) Bill was read on January 4, 2001, for the first time; referred to the Health and